

SCOTHERN NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2026



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scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Welcome

We were delighted to be able to photograph one of our local farmers bringing in this summers harvest at the beginning of August and thanks to our local photographer for, yet again, another lovely front cover from around the village.

This month we have an additional four page center spread showing the winners of our Best Garden Competition 2026. As we don't have a flower and produce show this year we are showing the winners in their full glory in colour. Prizewinners will have their vouchers delivered at the beginning of September

This month's back cover shows the event put on by Scothern Parish Council on 25th July 2026. The CPR training session, run by LIVES, was well attended and participants found it extremely informative. The PC aim to run them every year, so please let us know if you are interested in the future.

Thank you, as always, to our regular contributors; Rod Wilson, Grange Park Group, Sothern's Resident Gardener, St. Germain's Church and the Methodist Chapel plus all others too many to mention!

We are always looking for new articles, events or local things of interest to include in Scothern News so if you have ideas or wish to be part of a small editorial team please do get in touch at scothern.news@gmail.com

Thank you

This month a big thank you goes to **Jennifer Hurley** for delivering to Chapel Walk, Elmdene, the Green and part of Main Street.

Grange Park September 2026 – Lime Trees

I wonder if you are reading this because you have argued with other members of your household? If so, I recommend that you all take a walk down to Grange Park and stand under the canopy of the triple trunked Lime tree and sort out your differences! In central Europe centuries ago ‘Parliaments’ used to meet under huge lime trees as they were believed to give off a calming atmosphere so that conflicts would come to amicable conclusions for both sides.

Lime trees are still celebrated for their calming and soothing properties. The flowers (along with the bracts) can be steeped in hot water to make a fragrant tea which in France was traditionally drunk at bedtime as its calming effects help with sleep.

As the leaves are heart shaped it is said that it can also help with heart function and circulation.

We are lucky in Scothern to also have the lime trees on Main Street which lend their name to Lime Tree Paddock. You might have noticed that this year they have had an exceptional year and been absolutely covered in flowers, which show a pale lime colour against the darker green of the leaves. The bees have been busy making the most of this abundance of pollen and been making honey. It will be interesting to see if our local producers have any Lime Honey for sale. It creates a honey that is very light in colour, very runny and has a slight minty flavour – absolutely delicious.

The tree in Grange Park holds a special place in the hearts of the volunteers. When the conifer hedge was cut many years ago it was severely damaged and had to be cut back to the base. It was thought that it would not recover, but it did! It now grows from three pale graceful trunks which stand out against the darkness of the conifer. Nearby there is a memorial bench in memory of Claire Smith with the inscription; 'Look at the stars. Look how they shine for you.' A perfect place to sit awhile and relax.





Angels Land

I'm writing this in early August, it's hot and there's been no rain. Much of the landscape is brown and dry. It's a worry really, to see the earth scorched, to know that crop yields are down, that wildlife is struggling to survive. But I'm writing this for our September readership, and so I write for a future for which I hope and pray.

Throughout September the church makes space to focus on the environment, on our living planet; for we do not own the earth, rather we share it with all life. As someone once said, 'if you do not love the earth, that is nurture, protect, respect it, then you do not love your children.' It's quite a bold statement, but one that I increasingly subscribe to.

You see, I'd like my children to inherit a better earth than the one to which I was born, and medically and technologically of course it is. But these advances might be short lived if we don't love the earth. So how could we do that? Here's a few things I have done. I hope you will find a way to do better ...

When I moved into my house, the garden was just grass. Now there are trees, shrubs, flowers, a small pond, and a tiny patch of meadow. It's not pretty in the conventional sense, but then when it was just short mown grass all it supported was the odd cat wandering through and loads of ants. These days, I might also see a fox, hedgehogs and so many different bird species. In the January garden bird count we had over fifteen different species of bird. And then there are butterflies, moths, frogs, newts,

dragonflies, different bumble bees and so on. Even by the pond and in the shade the grass is still green.

It's taken time to develop the garden. And over the same time period the Ashing Lane nature reserve has also been established. There is much to hope for. All it takes is to make space for something else to find a home, whether it's a bug hotel, a bird box, some plants – even growing cabbages gives food for the cabbage white butterfly 😊. I wonder, what would you like to do? In St Chad's Church, Dunholme, we have a small group of folks who are keen to develop the churchyard. Maybe you too would like to support green initiatives where you live. If you'd like to do more, give me a ring, it would be great to share ideas and support one another.

So finally, just as a little thought, whilst on holiday I visited a museum focussing on our Anglo-Saxon heritage and discovered that the original word for England was deliberately a play on two words, which could either mean the Land of the Anglo-Saxons, or the Land of the Angels, that is heaven. Perhaps England was always meant to be heavenly.

Every blessing for all our tomorrows,
Revd Paul, of Dunholme.

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE - September 2026

Sunday 6 th September 2026	9.15 am	Morning Prayer, St Germain's, Scothern
Sunday 13 th September 2026	10:30 am	Holy Communion, St Chad's Dunholme
Sunday 20 th September 2026	9.15 am	Holy Communion, St Germain's, Scothern
Sunday 27 th September 2026	10:30 am	Benefice Communion, St Chad's Dunholme

***Please note the services may change
due to the availability of clergy***

September – Hope When the Ground Is Dry

There is something about September that feels like a fresh start. Children return to school, holidays come to an end, and many of us settle back into familiar routines. Yet here in our rural communities, September is also the season when we reflect on the harvest.

This year, however, the harvest has come with mixed emotions. The prolonged dry weather has meant that many crops have ripened earlier than expected. Combines have been out in the fields weeks ahead of the usual pattern, and for many farmers the concern has not simply been getting the crop in, but wondering how much there will be to gather. After months of careful work, so much depends on the weather—something no one can control. Perhaps there is a lesson here for all of us.

Modern life can give us the impression that we are in charge of everything. Yet the changing seasons remind us that there are limits to what we can achieve by our own efforts. We remain dependent on the gifts of creation: sunshine and rain, fertile soil and seed, and the dedication of those who work the land.

The Bible never pretends that life is free from uncertainty. It speaks honestly about times of drought as well as abundance. Yet it also reminds us that God's faithfulness does not depend on the weather. Through every season, whether the ground is dry or the harvest plentiful, God continues to walk alongside His people.

Harvest Thanksgiving is not about pretending every year has been a good one. It is about recognising that, even in difficult seasons, we are held by a God who provides hope as well as daily bread.

So, this September, perhaps we can remember in our prayers those whose livelihoods depend on the land, give thanks for the food that reaches our tables, and trust that God's faithfulness remains constant, whatever the season.

Every blessing.

Reverend Richard

WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL DURING SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6 September 10.30a.m.

Scothern Chapel with Julie Close-Mitchell from Bardney

Sunday 13 September 10.30a.m.

Nettleham for Covenant Service with Rev Dr Terry Nowell

Sunday 20 September 10.30a.m.

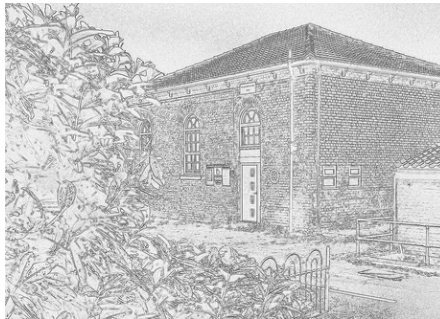
Scothern for our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Festival with guest speaker Peter Butcher

Sunday 27 September 10.30a.m.

Scothern Chapel with Alison Jacobs

Sunday 4 October 10.30a.m.

Scothern Chapel with Rev David Fidler including Communion



CHAPEL CHAT & COFFEE continues as usual on
Thursday 10th and Thursday 24th September at 10.30
(2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Please feel free to come along it's very low key and informal.

The session lasts about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour.

All are welcome!

Notes from a Scothern Gardener September

During the heat wave when you have eaten outdoors or sat in the pub garden do you remember being plagued by wasps?

If the answer is no or not much you might think great! Normally at this time of year wasps can be a nuisance so whilst this might seem a blessed relief is the disappearance of wasps actually something to be concerned over? The answer to that is Yes.

Just like bees, wasps are important pollinators. For example, along the beck in the village are the tall spires of the wildflower Water-fig-wort; their tiny orchid like purple flowers are pollinated only by wasps as they seek out the nectar. It is thought that wasps compliment the work done by Honeybees and Bumble bees.

Wasps are apex predators which is an important role throughout the agricultural world as well as in our gardens. You name it wasps eat it; weevils, caterpillars, flies beetles and spiders. They are our natural insect controllers.

They are carnivores too, which means that they play an important role in keeping things clean by stripping any carcasses of meat, (such as dead birds or road kill). Which is why that they visit the picnic table as they love a bit of protein rich ham! So, if you do have one buzzing around you don't flap about and provoke it as it is more likely to sting, but let it map out the area and give it a choice of something sweet or meaty and see what it chooses.

Watch it use its Mandibles (teeth) to scrape away the food. Wasps use these mandibles to scrape away wood from trees, or fences to construct nests, which if you have never seen one are fascinating papery structures. If you ever find an empty one say in a shed, take it apart to admire the geometric design and construction because this is how we learnt how to make paper.

Whilst lots is known about bees and their decline very little is known about wasps by comparison. The University of London is trying to correct this and is gathering more information with a survey that we can all take part in; it's called "The Wasp Picnic Survey". What I love is it's a good excuse to have a picnic or a drink in the pub garden with snacks and honestly be able to say you are taking part in important research, soon you will never have to ask 'What's the point of wasps?'



Citizen Science
Picnic Wasp
Survey 2026

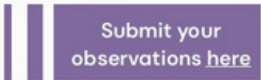
What's That Wasp Eating? HAM? or JAM?



Scientists at UCL are studying how food preferences of wasps change through the season.

Is your picnic wasp after something sweet ('jam') or something rich in protein ('ham')?

Please tell us what you see!



<http://www.sumnerlab.co.uk/wasp-picnic-survey-2026/>

September 2026 Newsletter

[\(lindseyu3a.org.uk\)](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk)



Do you recall this song?

“The leaves of brown came tumbling down

Remember - last September - in the rain”

(composed by Warren & Dubin in 1937)

After the last few months of dry weather we might welcome

“September in the Rain” but come rain or shine members of Lindsey u3a have made the following plans for SEPTEMBER

7th: 5 mile Walking group - meet at Ingham Village Hall

14th: Sustainability Matters group - talk by representatives from Anglian Water

17th: Architecture group - guided walk around uphill Roman Lincoln

22nd: Garden Group talk by Trevor Fray of Longfield Flowers

29th: Visits group to Sandtoft Trolley Bus Museum

In case you didn't know, Lindsey u3a is a local, friendly, informative, low cost organisation. We meet at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month. You are invited with no obligation to any of our meetings. Doors open at 9.30am for tea/coffee and an opportunity to chat to interest group leaders in the Welton Room followed by a speaker in the hall at 10.30am. If you decide to come along for a look, tell someone on reception you are new and one of our friendly greeters will show you round and answer any questions .Our speaker on 3rd September is from the Lincs.& Notts. Air Ambulance Service talking about the challenges facing the charity to keep the helicopters flying. It costs £13million per year which has to be raised by public donation as they receive no Government funding. Currently they are fundraising for a new ambulance and they have recently purchased two critical care cars. On 1st October Nigel MacKnight, who is part of the team constructing a speedboat to beat the World Water Speed record held by the Australians for 47 years, will give a talk entitled “Quicksilver and Understanding Perseverance”

We aim to have a variety of speakers over the course of the year so there is something for everyone. u3a members can also join various online talks, workshops and courses.

If you can't come to one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next one is on 24th September. Whether you're a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or already a member who just fancies a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat, do come along. Everyone is welcome.

Everything you need to know about us can be found on our website, lindseyu3a.org.uk, where you will find a comprehensive list of our interest groups, where and when they meet plus news about visits of local interest or theatre visits, lunches and holidays arranged by members for members.

If you require any further information please contact Luke Pickering
Email: lukep@lahestates.co.uk Mob: 07774 251197

Best wishes

Sheila Nash



SCOTHERN A VILLAGE THROUGH TIME



The village of Scothern, or Scothorne as it was known for many centuries, has been inhabited for at least a thousand years. There are very few Celtic finds in the Scothern area, but the Celtic Corieltauvi tribe must have lived here, making use of Scothern Beck and its fertile land. The Romans would eventually build a large villa at Sudbrooke, where they administered the whole of Lindsey, or at least the Lawress area. A Roman beehive was found in Scothern in the 1960s on Main Street. The villa was a satellite of a much larger Roman palatial villa and administrative centre situated near Greetwell Quarry, beneath the Roman Pavement 1940s housing estate. This villa controlled the whole of northern England for a period as the Roman Legions pushed further north.

The Angles invaded, and a Kingdom of Lindsey came into being in about 450 AD. Scothern was in the Wappentake (a place to take a weapon to vote) district of Lawress. It probably had its own smaller Wappentake on the Manor Hill, controlling the Scoltorne (Scothern) Hundred. This was an administrative area that could support one hundred families and included Scothern, Sudbrooke and Sudbrooke Holme. Scoltorne was the main village. Sudbrooke, then Sutbroc (a stream south of Scothern), was a Berwick, a barn for storing barley. Sudbrooke Holme – *Holme* being an Anglo-Saxon word for a small settlement with a manor – is now Sudbrooke Park, where the Parklands housing development is being built. The joint administration of the Scothern Hundred district remained in place until the Scothorne Land Closure Act of 1766.

Lincolnshire was eventually conquered by the Vikings, along with much of the north and east of Angloland, and became part of the Norseman's Danelaw. The Viking Great Heathen Army eventually gave up the sword to take up the plough following a deal with Alfred the Great. As part of the deal with Alfred, the Vikings (Danes) also became Christian. There was probably a small chapel on the Manor Hill. The Angle lords from Scothern were deposed by Vikings, who also owned Scotter and Scotton.

Even before the Norman Conquest in 1066, the eastern part of Scothern and much of Sudbrooke had already been given to Peterborough Abbey. After the Norman Conquest, Peter-at-Burgh Abbey (later Peterborough Cathedral) was allowed to keep its Scothern and Sudbrooke lands, but the other lands were given to the Normans, who organised the whole country into manors controlled by Norman lords.



The western half of Scothern was eventually given to Barlings Abbey, which was built as a result of *The Anarchy*, the civil war that culminated in the end of Norman King Stephen's rule and the beginning of Plantagenet Henry II's reign in 1154. This meant that all of Scothern and much of Sudbrooke was owned and worked by the Church – or, at least, by the tied peasants under the Church's control. Scothern maybe had two village greens and two major farms: the Manor and Bell Yard on Craypool Lane. Did we also have two opposing football teams – or at least companies, or *flights*, of archers?

Ralph de la Haye was the Norman lord who owned half of Scothern and Sudbrooke. He was Constable of Lincoln Castle and uncle of the famous Nicola de la Haye. He had supported King Stephen in the civil war against Empress Matilda and her son, Henry II. Oops – big mistake! After King Stephen's death, Henry II came to the throne and, to make amends for supporting the wrong side, Ralph gave his lands here to the new Barlings Abbey. It was built by Henry II's wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine, partly in competition with the more ancient and larger Bardney Abbey, which had also supported King Stephen.

Politics has always been a dirty business! Henry VIII would eventually get rid of both these abbeys. Barlings Abbey would lose its Scothern and Sudbrooke lands after supporting the 1536 Lincolnshire Rising against Henry VIII. Its Canon, Mackerel, would be hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn – but not before he squirrelled away his money. Three hundred years later, a slipper containing gold coins would be found in Scothern Church!

Henry would give all Barlings' lands to his best mate, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, who had put down the rising. The lands would then pass down through the centuries, through the Greys, to the Ellisons, owners of Sudbrooke Holme and Scothern Manor. Richard Ellison, who built Scothern School in 1838, went on to become one of the founders of the Westminster Bank. He is interred in a vault beneath Scothern Church, which he had built for himself and other family members.

Peterborough Abbey (later Peterborough Cathedral) would retain its eastern Scothern lands until the twentieth century, all administered from Fiskerton Manor. People who lived in cottages owned by Peterborough Cathedral right up to the 1920s could not buy them freehold. They had to go to Fiskerton Manor to 'take the knee' and swear fealty to Peterborough in order to gain Copyhold (a sort of leasehold) of their cottages. This is still recorded in their deeds today.



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On Wednesday 2nd September at 7.00p.m. come and have an informal chat and refreshments with the Councillors about village matters in the Methodist Chapel, Main Street.

This will be followed by the formal Scothern Parish Council Meeting at 7.30p.m. which you are welcome to stay for if you wish.

Help keep Scothern clean and cared for

Why it matters

Scothern has always taken pride in being a clean, cared-for village. That is thanks in no small part to residents who give their time to keep our roads, verges and public spaces free from litter.

How you can help

We are looking for volunteers to take responsibility for a small area of the village and litter pick there regularly, at a time that suits them. It does not need to take long, but if several people each look after a small patch, together we can make a real difference.

Community effort

Recent issues of *Scothern News* have highlighted the excellent efforts of young residents Katie and Jared, who have both included litter picking as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering. Other volunteers have also taken on areas of the village. Their combined contribution is a powerful reminder that individual effort can benefit the whole community.

Equipment and contact

Scothern Parish Council can provide litter pickers, hoops, bags and high-visibility vests. If you would like to help, please contact clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk or Lisa on **07549 137538** to discuss the areas that still need covering.

Community Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday
10am to midday
held in
St Germain's Church
All welcome.

CHAPEL COFFEE AND CHAT

on the 2nd & 4th Thursday-
10th & 24th September
at 10.30am

Please feel free to come along.
The session lasts about ¾ hour.
All welcome.



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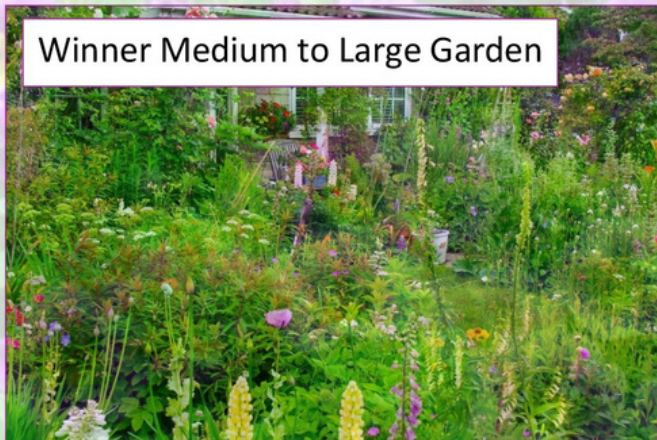
Sunday 6th September
Church Gathering
Sunday 13th September
Community Cafe
Sunday 20th September
Church Gathering
Sunday 27th September
Church Gathering
Sunday 4th October
Church Gathering
Sunday 11th October
Community Cafe
Sunday 18th October
Church Gathering
Sunday 25th October
Church Gathering

All 10am to noon in

Welton Lakeside Butcher Van
every Friday 1-3pm at Scothern Village Hall carpark

Best Garden Competition 2026

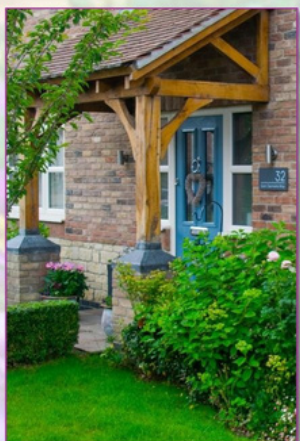
Winner Medium to Large Garden



Winner Small Garden



2nd & 3rd Places in the Medium to Large Garden



2nd & 3rd Places in the Small Garden



Judges prize



The Best Garden Competition 2026 was judged on 19th June. The judging is completed from the roadside only. The Parish Council would like to thank our expert judge **Paul Maxey** of Scothern Nurseries Plant Centre for giving up his time judging each category.

Thanks also to our sponsors:

- ***Scothern Parish Council***
- ***Scothern Nurseries Plant Centre***
- ***Bottle and Glass Public House***

Prizes will be awarded to our winners in September.



THE GREY BEAR ARTISTS' COLLECTIVE, who meet weekly at Scothern, are holding a Summer Art Exhibition at The Rickyard Gallery, Station Road, Wickenby LN3 5AB.

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Welton Village Library and Community Hub

Based at Manor Park, Hackthorn Road Welton LN2 3PA

Monday 12noon to 5pm, Tuesday 9:30am to 2:30pm

Wednesday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon

Note we are closed Wednesday 9th September due to maintenance at Manor Park

What will September bring after what has been a scorching July and August? We can guarantee plenty of reading material for all ages and interests at the library come rain or shine!

The Summer Reading Challenge is coming to a close at the start of September and we are pleased to report record participants and lots of new library members. The challenge now is for the children to keep reading and their parents to give encouragement should interest lapse. Please note we will be arranging presentations during October for those children who achieved the target of six books and parents or their carers will be advised of the arrangements in due course.

We will be continuing our monthly children's crafts, this time it is making hedgehogs out of clay. This is likely to be excitingly messy so suitable clothing is advised, the fun starts at 10:30am on Saturday 19th September, suitable for accompanied children aged 4 to 11 years.

Then our ever popular Community Hub talks recommence on Tuesday 22nd September at 2pm when we welcome Mark Bamford from Sleaford Museum to talk about Cranwell Gasbags. This intriguing title refers to airships in the Great War, please come along and enjoy as this is bound to be popular. Everyone welcome, admission free with a retiring Collection for Library and Community Hub funds for those who wish to contribute.

Please do not forget our weekly Storytime sessions on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am for about half an hour when pre schoolers and their parents or other carers can all enjoy the company of our wonderful readers.

Mike - Library volunteer

Facebook page @Weltonvillagelibrary

Lincolnshire Mobile Library Services

Scothern village hall

18th September 9:45 to 10:30 am

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For more information, please contact the Lincolnshire mobile library service on 07483017085 or graham.owen@gll.org

Dunholme Camera Club

I hope by the time you read this the weather has graced us with some rain as the past couple of months has not been kind to the photographer, this scorched grass really doesn't make for great images but at least we can get out on the cooler days without worrying about getting wet.

September seems to have come round very quick this year, I must be getting old. What are we doing at the camera club in September? We start off on the 3rd September with a talk from Tony Gaskin, I'm not sure at this time what his talk will be about but our speakers are very entertaining. Our second meeting on the 10th September will be a friendly club competition where our Chair (lady) Caroline, sets us a challenge, this time it is to "Depict a Masters" so we have to choose a masters and then try and reproduce a modern version with our cameras, it will certainly be a challenge! Finally on the 24th we will have our final Photographer of the year competition which is "Scapes, Land or seascapes" this competition should be a great finale to the POTY competition of 2026.

If you would like to see what we do then please shoot over to our website www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk and take a look at some of the images on the recent images and Members images pages, or just come along one night and meet us all.

Grahame Dunkin 07501 259001 dunholmecc@gmail.com

Computer Problems? James.tcm

(the computer man)

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Gardeners Retreat
Tea room



WELTON PDA

I am going to try to keep it brief this month! (I failed!!)

I have had no response to my request for someone to help with the fund raising which is disappointing. If I don't get any offers of help, I will have to consider which of our fund raising events to cancel for 2027. It will most likely be the Autumn Fayre. I did have a message left, while I was on holiday, from a lady enquiring about being a volunteer driver. If you read this, could you call again as I have been unable, as I write this article, to make contact with you! I would still like at least 3 more new drivers who can offer a bit of time each month. The pressure on the transport scheme is becoming difficult to meet with more and more houses being built in the health centre catchment area.(I can explain how it all works with no commitment from yourself)

Could I ask that if you have a car or are able to get to your medical appointment without using the PDA then please use your own vehicle. Just because we are the easy option is not a good enough reason to ask for PDA transport. We have had patients saying that parking is difficult at hospitals. This is not a reason to request PDA transport, our drivers also have difficulty parking. I know that the majority of users of the scheme are

genuinely in need of transport but there is still a small minority who have cars and could easily transport themselves!

I am sorry if this sounds harsh but in the almost 20 years I have been Coordinator I have only ever had to turn down 1 request and that was weather related. Unless I get more volunteer drivers I will have to be more selective about who we can offer transport to and that is not a position I want to be in!

The Autumn Fayre will be held on 17th October and I am still looking for donations of small items for the tombola and trash or treasure stalls. If you have anything at all you could donate, please give me a call and I can collect or they can be left at the health centre marked for my attention.(almost anything is suitable!) There are still some tables available for anyone to sell their own crafts etc. Tables priced £10. Give me a call. We will be having a visit from 'Walking with Alpacas' from Legsby near Market Rasen. Many of you will have seen them at Welton May Fair on bank holiday Monday.

.Dates for our PDA events in 2026 are:

- Autumn Fayre 17th October 1.30pm – 4pm
- Christmas lunch tickets (£10) on sale Monday 19th October
- Christmas lunch 11th December

Any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call (862570) Janet Goddard not to be used for booking transport

Someone had to do it, start planning Christmas events!

Here are some dates for your diary, both events in the village hall.

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There are no automatic invitations sent out for prostate screening; however healthy men aged 50 or over have the right to ask their GP for a PSA test (blood test that may highlight any signs of cancer, although they are not always accurate). Men over 45 years old with a family history of prostate cancer and those who are of Black Africa/Black Caribbean descent should request to be tested as they face a higher risk. If the cancer is caught early enough it can be treated and there is a better chance of survival. I expect everyone knows someone who has had it and recovered or sadly died of it and of course in recent months we have heard of various celebrities who have been given the diagnosis of prostate cancer, some caught it early and are making a full recovery, some haven't and their prognosis is not so positive.

I urge all ladies who have significant men in their lives, to persuade them to get tested, it could be a life saver. Do what we do best and nag them a bit even if they don't have any obvious symptoms, as you don't have to have symptoms to be diagnosed with this disease. For the love of our men and all they do for us let's do something for them. You can help today by sponsoring my lovely husband Mark Unwin of Vicarage Lane, Scothern, (please see the link below) who shall be doing a formidable walk which is outlined in his own words below.

In September 2026, I shall be walking the Coast to Coast Path, from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hoods Bay in Yorkshire to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.

I shall be walking the route alone, with a large rucksack - in just 10 days. The distance is 193 miles and follows the classic Alfred Wainwright route, albeit my route will cover approximately 202 miles to allow for accommodation detours at pubs and farmhouses. The route also comprises a total cumulative ascent of approximately 8,000 to 8,600 meters (26,000 to 28,000 feet - Mount Everest is 29,000 feet).

The Prostate Cancer UK charity helps to fund and support research, screening and awareness.

Fundraising link below

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- Market Rasen Market Place

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0705	0920				1515
0709	0924				1519
0712	0927				1522
0716	0931				1526
0718	0933				1528
0720	0935				1530
0725	0940	1045	1145	1245	1540
0729	0944	1049	1149	1249	1544
0745	0955	1100	1200	1300	1555
0750	0959	1104	1204	1304	1559
0800	1007	1112	1212	1312	1607

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0810	1015	1115	1215	1415	1740
0818	1023	1123	1223	1423	1748
0822	1027	1127	1227	1427	1752
0832	1037	1137	1237	1437	1802
0837	1042	1142	1242	1442	1807
0842				1447	1812
0845				1450	1815
0849				1454	1819
0853				1458	1823
0856				1501	1826
0900				1505	1830
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Please see the Scothern Parish Council website for more details on the Councillor Co-option Policy, Procedure & application process:
<https://scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/509/councillor-co-option-policy-and-procedure>
or contact Lisa, the clerk, for more information.

Eligibility of Candidates

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- He/she is an elector for the parish; or
- has resided in the parish for the past twelve months or rented/tenanted land or other premises in the parish; or
- had his/her principal place of work in the parish; or
- has lived within three miles of the parish boundary.

Councillors elected by co-option are full members of the parish council throughout the remainder of their term of office until ordinary elections are due.

Local Elections (for Parish Councils) are held every 4 years and the next Elections will be held on the 6th May 2027.

The was no meeting in August, the next Parish Council meeting will held on Wednesday, 2nd September at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel, Main St.

The Agendas and Minutes of meetings are posted on the Parish Council Notice Board outside the Village Hall and on our website: <https://scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Scothern Parish Council has 7 Councillors (1 councillor vacancy)

Jane Johnson (Chair)	Barnaby Patchett (Vice)
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Robert Creaser	Sian Watt Jones

PLANNING APPLICATIONS in Scothern

can be viewed on the West Lindsey District Council website.

<https://westlindsey-publicportal.statmap.co.uk/horizoNext/publicportal>

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Contact - Gerry Wiswould 01673 866718

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Welton Village Hall
Member Secretary - Tricia Barnes 07855 178612

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1	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
2	Scothern Parish Council Meet the Councillors 7. 00p.m
2	Scothern Parish Council Monthly Meeting 7.30p.m. Methodist Chapel
3	Lindsey u3a 10.30a.m. Welton Village Hall
3	Dunholme Camera Club Meeting see (pg 25)
4	Welton Lakeside Butcher Van 1.00-3.00p.m. Village Hall
5	Scothern CC 1st XI Home
6	Scothern Sewical 10.00a.m. Village Hall
6	Morning Prayer, 9.15a.m. St Germain's, Scothern
7	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
8	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
10	Scothern Methodist Chapel Chat and Coffee 10.30a.m.
10	Dunholme Camera Club Meeting see (pg 25)
11	Welton Lakeside Butcher Van 1.00-3.00p.m. Village Hall
13	Holy Communion, 10.30a.m. St. Chad's Dunholme
14	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
15	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
17	Witham U3a 10.00 – 12.00 Cherry Willingham Village Hall
18	Lincolnshire Mobile Library Services 9.45-10.30a.m. Village Hall
18	Welton Lakeside Butcher Van 1.00-3.00p.m. Village Hall
20	Holy Communion, 9.15a.m. St Germain's, Scothern
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Send us your October events for next months issue.

Deadline for articles & events for the October issue is 14

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